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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Monte G. Rydalch

Application No.: 10/686,546

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For: DRILL-OPERATED TOOL TO
ASSIST IN THE OPENING OF FIBER-
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.